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Federal Agents Eye Cuba 'Dud Bomber'



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PLANE SUSPECTED OF TAKING PART IN CUBAN BOMBING RAID
Seized By FAA, It's Owned By Alexander Rorke And Geoffrey Sullivan

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An adventurer who took pictures that didn't develop of a bombing raid that produced no explosions today was under scrutiny by four federal agencies.

Eyeing Alexander Rorke Jr. with a mixture of interest and skepticism are the State Department, U. S. Customs, the Federal Aviation Agency, and the FBI.

● He's Asked To Agree To Lie Test

Rorke related his tale of a bombing raid on a Havana oil refinery yesterday in a Miami Beach press conference — one of a series of such conferences.

Rorke's story was heard with

raised eyebrows by Customs agent Wally Shanley, who requested the New York man take a lie detector test to verify the story.

"He didn't say whether he would take the test," Shanley said. "His attorney said he was busy now but would contact us later for another interview."

(In New York, where he flew yesterday after the Beach press conference,

Rorke told an anti-Castro group of Cubans that he'd refused to take the test.)

"There are several points in Mr. Rorke's story I'd like to hear under oath," Shanley said. "In the meantime, we are watching his movements."

The FAA is attempting to determine where the flight originated from and if there were any violations of the Air Defense Identification Zone Rule regarding filing of flight plans from the mainland.

Rorke contended the flight originated from a "point south of Cuba."

The FAA, however, confiscated a twin-engine Beechcraft owned jointly by Geoffrey Sullivan and Rorke, and warned Rorke he could be fined as much as \$13,000 if it's proved he flew from the United States.

Rorke said the Beechcraft was only used to take him from New York to Jacksonville before the raid and back to Washington after the "bombing."

The free-lance photographer said he rendezvoused at sea with the PBV used in the raid.

Dan Rush, acting chief of Miami's FAA international divisions, today called a conference good mood and then make an "appointment" with her.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "WILLING TO WAIT": Don't be a fool. His wife has the respectability of being his "Mrs." She also has all the legal protection, plus the "children whom he adores." All YOU have is his "word."